

March 2010 Meeting Minutes

Vice President (VP) Jim Reynolds called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe. 22 members were present. (President Chet Blake was trying to quickly recover from a bout of pneumonia. Heal fast Chet!)

The next meeting will be on the second Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the Alfy's Pizza in Monroe.

VP Jim Reynolds welcomed all who showed up for the meeting. He asked if any guests and visitors were present. Mark Mixel was visiting with us. Welcome Mark. As always, it was great to see the members who turned out for the meeting.

A motion was made to accept the February meeting minutes as published in our newsletter. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were accepted.

Jim introduced the club officers, then went into the officers' reports.

President - Chet Blake - not in attendance

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Officers Reports

President - Chet Blake was absent working on returning to health

VP - Jim Reynolds saved his information for later on in the meeting.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$8,461.75 in the bank, plus a couple of hundred collected at the start of the meeting from members renewing. Rick shared that as of tonight's meeting 13 past members had not renewed their membership.

Secretary - Vaughan reported that about 53 members had renewed.

Safety Officer - Vince stated his desire for members to succeed at take offs. Apparently, there seems to be an epidemic of people veering their planes to the left on take off. Remember to correct by adding the right amount of right rudder.

Field Manager - Jay Bell reported the field looks good.

Newsletter - Ron Swift reminded people that the newsletter can be found online at <http://barnyard-buzzards.com>.

Old Business

Field situation. Jim reported that he and Chet had talked with Dale. Chet presented a proposal to Dale which stated a due diligence on actively pursuing a noise or flying time limitation during the day. (The entire proposal is at the end of the minutes.)

Additionally, Chet proposed increasing the rent to be competitive with what Dale would normally get in terms of yield from his crops in the area the club occupies.

In essence, Jim reported that Dale was pleased with the proposal. The Barnyard Buzzards are "good to stay."
(Secretary's editorial: A BIG round of kudos to Chet for developing the relationship with Dale and working to a win-win solution!)

The club will put some rigor into conducting noise readings of pilots' planes. So, when you come out to fly expect to have a noise reading taken on your plane. (It doesn't hurt). All airplanes with an internal combustion engine, or equipped with a ducted fan, will have certain restrictions (see proposal below).

Dale and Chet talked about moving the gate to free up more land for farming. Dale did not see the need to move the gate.

The Barnyard Buzzard rent would increase from \$600.00 per year to \$2,000.00 per year. However, Dale said he would deduct the amount we have not used from the new rent, which would bring it to around \$1,800.00. The fiscal year would be from January to January instead of what it is now - July to July(?). Rick Hanners commented that there is currently more than enough [money] to cover the cost this year. At the end of the year, we can compare our budget from the prior year to determine if there is a need to raise membership dues.

Current dues are at \$60.00 per member. It might be possible to raise the dues by \$20 ~ \$25 for a total of \$80.00 to \$85.00 per member.

The dilemma of the field situation may have prevented some members from rejoining in 2010. Jim suggested a grace period. Ron Swift reminded everyone of the by-laws which state when dues payments are required. Any time after the March meeting then, the member has to pay \$100.00 to rejoin. Rick mentioned the number of times he has contacted members about paying dues. There were some members still making an effort to get their dues in.

New Business

Ron Swift reminded people that Sandy does have the 2010 Freeze-in patches for people who attended the Freeze-in and had not picked up their patch. See Sandy for your patch.

Ron also talked about the AMA minimum criteria for a club to achieve AMA Leader Club Status. The AMA has additional requirements for reaching a bronze, silver, or gold leader status. For 8 years now, the Barnyard Buzzards have met the criteria as an AMA Gold Leader Club. Great job guys!

Ron also commented on the success of the NW Model Hobby Expo which was conducted in February. John Fogelsong decided to waive the table fees (\$160.00) for the Buzzards because of all the assistance given for setup and tear down. Thank you, John! But wait, there's more, the Buzzards did a tremendous job supporting the event, too. Thank you to all who helped!

Tim Baird talked about possibly doing a Boy Scout event sometime in May. This would be open to the public. A motion was made, seconded a vote taken. The members approved the motion. So, prepare yourselves to help in the event.

Announcements

Builder's Contest: You can be a part of this contest. All you need is the desire to build an airplane, find one to build, submit \$10 to Rick Hanners, and start the building process.

Evening Program: Dave Menzimer presented his Top Flite F4U Corsair. Dave described his journey researching and learning from others. One of the online sites he went to was RCUniverse blogs. He found some tips and insights on what to do, or not, in the construction of the airplane. Dave's version of the Corsair has lights, retractable landing gear and tail

wheel. He described building the functional gear doors, flaps, and cock pit. Dave, you did an outstanding display of craftsmanship. Thank you for sharing your model! Now, all you need to do is tell us the day you plan to make its maiden flight.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:48 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday April 13, 2010 at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available online. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser, BBMAC Secretary.